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SUBJECT ABSENCE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AT A PATHET LAO PRISON  
LOCATED ON A ROUTE 911 BYPASS IN SOUTHEASTERN  
KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE

ACQ LAOS, VIENTIANE/2 SEPTEMBER 69

SOURCE

1. AS OF LATE JULY 1969, THERE WERE NO AMERICAN PRISONERS  
IN A PRISON LOCATED AT BAN THAPACHON /WE 878051/ ON A ROUTE 911  
BYPASS IN SOUTHEASTERN KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE. ONE AMERICAN AND  
ONE THAI HAD BEEN INCARCERATED IN THE PRISON IN 1967. FOUR LAO  
NATIONALS WERE IMPRISONED THERE AS OF JULY. THE PRISON WAS GUARDED  
BY 15 PATHET LAO AND SIX NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY SOLDIERS.  
COMMENT. DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD BECOME OF THE  
TWO PRISONERS AFTER 1967 OR IF ANY OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS  
HAD BEEN HELD IN THE PRISON.

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2. [REDACTED] COMMENT. IN MID-JUNE 1969, A LAO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT A PRISON LOCATED AT BAN THAPACHON /WE8805/, APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE ROUTES 911/9113 JUNCTION, HOUSED 17 FOREIGN AIRMEN, INCLUDING 12 AMERICANS; THREE THAIS AND TWO FILIPINOS. A SECOND SOURCE REPORTED ON 14 JUNE THAT THE PRISON CONTAINED A TOTAL OF 50 PRISONERS, ONLY 10 OF WHOM WERE FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, THAIS AND FILIPINOS. THE PRISONERS WERE DETAINED IN A CAVE AREA. THE PRISON CITED IN PARA ONE IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH THE PRISON ABOVE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PRISONERS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO ANOTHER AREA. RECENT REPORTS FROM LAO [REDACTED] IN THE AREA INDICATED THAT ROUTE 911 IS NO LONGER MOTORABLE AS A RESULT OF HEAVY RAINS. NO TRAFFIC HAS BEEN OBSERVED ON THE NUMEROUS BYPASSES. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE ROUTES 911/9113 JUNCTION SINCE MID-JUNE.

3. FIELD DISSEM. STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE  
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